GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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ATTACK ON INDIAN RESEARCHER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Researcher was attacked in Germany recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have lodged any protest in this regard with the Government of Germany;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) and (b): While on a study visit to Germany, an Indian Researcher was attacked by three unidentified persons on the night of 12th June, 2000 in Leipzig. The victim managed to escape. He was immediately taken to the hospital and received necessary medical attention.

A report was made to the police on 13th June, 2000. Immediate arrangements were made by the Leipzig University for shifting the Researcher and his Indian colleagues to another apartment, for reasons of security. An official of the Indian Embassy at Berlin, went to Leipzig to ascertain the facts and the matter was taken up with the local police authorities .

(c), (d) & (e): In all such cases, the Indian Embassy has received prompt co-operation of the local authorities. No formal protest is considered necessary, because there are no reports of any organized discrimination or violence against the Indian community (numbering approximately 40,000) in Germany.